

REMARKS

Claims 1-114, 125-126, 127-129 and 134-152 have been canceled. Cancellation of these claims should not be construed as an acquiescence to any of the rejections and Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application(s). Claims 115-124, 130, 133 and 151-152 have been allowed. Claim 132 has been amended to correct an informality. In a telephonic communication with the undersigned on November 5, 2004, the Examiner stated that claim 127 was inadvertently identified as an allowed claim in the final Office Action mailed June 14, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed October 5, 2004.

Claim for Domestic Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

Claims 148-150 have been canceled. Thus, priority of these claims is no longer at issue.

Objection to the Claim 132

Claim 132 has been objected to because the molar designation should be in superscript. This objection is obviated by the amendment of claim 132 herein.

Rejections of claims 127, 151 and 152 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 127, 151 and 152 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failure to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 127, 151 and 152 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Rejection of claims 148-150 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, written description

Claims 148-150 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Rejection of claims 148-150 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, enablement

Claims 148-150 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Rejection of claims 148 and 151 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 148 and 151 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Hanson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,682,736 ("Hanson"). Claims 148 and 151 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot.

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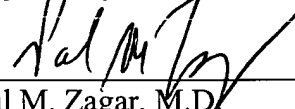
Conclusion

The amendments above cancel claims and comply with requirements of form set forth in the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004. Therefore, entry of this amendment is proper. Upon entry of the amendment, all of the pending claims will be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application is thus courteously solicited.

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